Lincoln Township Public Library

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Welcome back to your newly renovated library!

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Lace Up for Libraries 5K ●
Saturday, April 12 at 9am

Support the LTL Foundation! Your participation helps raise essential funds to enhance our services and programming. **Registration starts Jan 23. Seasoned runners or casual walkers all welcomed!**

SPECIAL AFTERHOURS EVENT
Comedy Night at the Library
Friday, April 11 at 7pm

Enjoy an evening of laughs! *Tyler Fowler* is a nationally touring comedian known for his hilarious stories about marriages, kids, and jobs—none of which he has! **Other performers TBA. Refreshments provided. 18+ only.**

COLOR OUR WORLD™

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!
"Color Our World" themed Street Banner Contest!
Submissions: March 1 through April 19

To celebrate our 2025 summer reading theme of "Color Our World", we will be having an art contest for all ages. The winning submissions will be transferred onto mesh banners that will be prominently displayed in downtown Stevensville for the community to enjoy.

Artwork Theme:
Capture the energy, diversity, and beauty that "Colors Our World" every day! From the natural landscapes around us to the vibrant cultures that shape our town, we invite artists to showcase their interpretations. Use any medium—painting, photography, digital art, or mixed media—to bring your vision to life.

Overview:
- 12 designs will be chosen for display on light posts throughout Stevensville in the summer.
- Winning banner designs will be divided by grade, with two winners per grade group.
- Winners announced May 15.

More Info Here:

Director's Corner

Dear Library Community,

As winter approaches, we're delighted to welcome you back to our newly renovated library! The updates have transformed our space into a more welcoming, functional, and accessible environment for everyone to explore, learn, and connect. Whether you're searching for a cozy spot to read, eager to try our new Digital Lab, or excited to join our engaging programs, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We're also thrilled to share some exciting updates:

- With the help of the **Frederick S. Upton Foundation**, we've launched the **Berrien Books for Babies** initiative. This program places books in the hands of newborns at Corewell Health Lakeland Hospitals in St. Joseph and Niles, fostering early literacy in partnership with all 13 Berrien County libraries.
- Through the **ALA Libraries Transforming Communities Grant**, we've enhanced accessibility with new ADA-compliant signage, making it easier for all patrons to navigate the library.
- Support from the **Michigan Arts and Culture Council** allowed us to update the Lawrence Room and launch our new Digital Lab, offering cutting-edge technology for creative projects and skill-building opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support—it's because of you that we can grow and better serve our community. We look forward to celebrating this winter season with you in our refreshed space!

Joelle Wake
Library Director

IN THE COMMUNITY

Trivia Nights at Chill Hill Winery
Thursdays: Feb 6 & Mar 13 at 6:30pm
Location: Chill Hill Winery in Baroda

Enjoy two electrifying trivia nights hosted by LTPL! Bring your A-game and compete for a fantastic **$25 prize** for the top individual or team! Join us for a night of fun, laughter, and friendly competition you won't want to miss!

Feb 6: *Football Trivia*
Mar 13: *2000s Trivia*

Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 6 at 1pm
Location: 600 W Lemon Creek Rd, Baroda

Hop on over to Baroda Township Park for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt! Kids can search for eggs and enjoy a special photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. Bring your baskets and your smiles for an afternoon of springtime fun!

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ALL AGES

LEGOs at the Library
2nd Saturday of the Month 10am-4pm

Stop in to build your own creation with Legos or choose one of the challenge cards. Take a photo of your creation to share on social media!

Saturday Morning Cartoon Showcase
3rd Saturday of the Month at 10am

Remember getting up on Saturday mornings as a kid, pouring a bowl of cereal, and watching cartoons on TV? Do you just want to come watch some of the classics? Join us for cereal and milk and loads of fun!

Library Hounds ●
4th Wednesday of the Month at 6pm; beginning Jan 22

Share your favorite stories with local dogs from the *Best Friends 4H Club*. Please arrive 10 minutes before the program starts to sign up for a time slot. Available on a first come, first served basis.

Kindness Week
February 11 through February 15

Drop in and help spread a kind message throughout the community, whether it's leaving a note on our kindness wall or leaving a kind message on a rock to take into the wild.

Presidents' Day Activity Station
February 17 through February 20

In honor of Presidents' Day, we'll have an activity station open where you can learn all about our U.S. Presidents while having some fun, too!

Leprechaun Trap Building for St. Pat's Day!
Thursday, March 13 from 4-6pm

Legend has it that if you trap a leprechaun the night before St. Patrick's Day, you will be granted three wishes. Create your very own trap. **All supplies provided.**

Easy as Pie: Family Storytime for Pi Day
Friday, March 14 at 3:14pm

Eat round snacks and make a round craft to celebrate the International Day of Math!

Family Movie Night at the Library
Monday, March 31 at 6pm

If you're looking for something to do as a family during spring break, join us for a screening of the hit movie, *If*! **Snacks provided.**

National Poetry Month Contest
April 1 through April 30

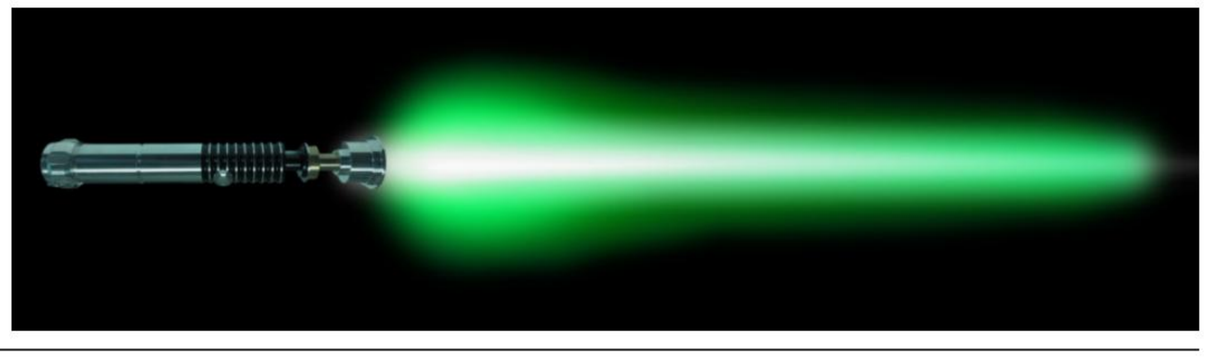
Submit up to three poems, in any format, of 500 words or less using our official entry form. We'll pick a winner from three age groups: 12 and under, 13 to 17, and 18 and up. **All participants will have the opportunity to have their poems appear in a special book that the library will print afterwards!**

Pokémon GO Route Walk
Thursday, April 24 at 6pm

Gather with other Trainers to walk a route by the library. Downloading the *Pokémon GO* mobile app beforehand is recommended if you don't already have an account. It is not required if you want to enjoy a walk and make new friends!

May the 4th Be With You : A Star Wars Celebration
Saturday, May 3 from 11:30am-2pm

Join us for an epic *Star Wars* adventure! Whether you're a Jedi, Sith, or a nerf-herder, enjoy themed games, lightsaber duels, and a pop-up cantina. Dress up for our costume contest, check out the *Star Wars* book display, and test your knowledge with trivia. Fun for the whole family—may the Force be with you!



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Community Recipe Book
January 2 through February 28

Do you have a recipe you would love to share with other members of your community? Bring in a typed copy of your recipe and attach it to our official entry form. We'll publish a book with all the entries, which will be released approximately April 1. All patrons and all kinds of recipes are welcome, and each patron may submit up to five.

Yarn & Yak
1st Thursday of the Month at 2pm

Knitters, Crocheters, and yarn lovers of all skill levels are welcome to stop in for some casual crafting time.

Casual Canvases
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6pm

Get your creativity on and stop in to paint whatever you feel like with acrylics. **Please wear clothing you don't mind getting paint on.**

Patron Hobby Open House ●
Monday, January 6 at 6pm

January is National Hobby Month, so what better time to share your passion with other members of the community? **A limited number of patrons will be able to reserve a table where they can show off part of their collection and/or talk about their hobby with others. Registration is only required to showcase your hobby. To reserve a table, please contact the library.** Or, if you just want to come and learn about others' interests, that's fine too!

Craft and Chat
3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6-7:30pm

Enjoy a relaxing time creating a provided craft while meeting new friends in a welcoming space. All materials are included—just bring your creativity and enjoy some great conversation!

Jan 21: *Sharpie and rubbing alcohol art*
Feb 18: *Flower tea lights*
Apr 15: *Candle decorating*

Home Safety and Security
Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30pm

Learn about the most common hazards in your home! The main causes of house fires, how to deter criminals and the current statistics of home invasions in your area! A PowerPoint led presentation with interactive discussions and demonstrations by *Steve & Jill Phenegar*.

Identity Theft Awareness
Thursday, January 30 at 6pm

Learn how personal information can be misused—such as through fraudulent accounts or stolen tax refunds. We'll share simple steps to reduce your risk and protect your identity. Stay informed and safeguard yourself!

Introverts' Book Club
4th Monday of the Month at 6:30pm

Want a quiet place to disconnect and read that book you haven't had time for? We have a place for you! Afterwards, you can talk with your fellow patrons about what you've been reading lately. Or don't. We don't care!

Famous African Americans of Television
Monday, February 3 at 6:30pm

In honor of Black History Month, learn about some of the groundbreaking roles that African Americans have played on American television sitcoms and dramas.

Brewing Knowledge: A Journey Through Coffee History and Tasting
Monday, February 10 at 6:30pm

Jonathan Goble, owner of *Lake Michigan Coffee*, will present a brief history on world coffee production and then provide examples of different types of roasts and blends/single origins with tastings of the different types.

United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
Tuesdays: Feb 18, Mar 18 & Apr 8 from 4-7:30 pm

Volunteers from the *United Way of Southwest Michigan* will be offering tax preparation assistance for qualified individuals at the library. Patrons will need to contact *United Way* to schedule an appointment or for more information.

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Needle Felting: Create Your Own Mushroom
Thursday, February 27 at 6pm

Join us for a creative adventure into the art of needle felting! In this hands-on workshop, you will learn the basics of shaping wool fibers with specialized needles to craft an adorable felted mushroom.

LTPL Propagation Station
March through April

Adopt some sprouts in preparation for spring, and leave a few of your own to share with the community. **Located in the front of the building. See our website for more details about our Propagation Station.**

Book Bracket Battle
March 3 through March 29

Sixteen of our most popular fiction authors will square off in our bracket, and you will get to help pick the winner! Every time you vote, you'll be entered into a grand prize drawing.

Famous Women of Television
Monday, March 3 at 6:30pm

In honor of Women's History Month, learn about some of the groundbreaking roles that women have played on American television sitcoms and dramas.

Spring Into Organizing
Monday, March 10 at 6:30pm

Join professional organizer *Becky Martin* for a workshop on home organization. Learn effective strategies for decluttering, donating, and maintaining an organized space, and transform your home into a more functional, peaceful environment.

DIY Spring Doormat Workshop
Thursday, March 27 at 6pm

Welcome your guests with a personal touch! Join us for a fun and creative DIY Spring Doormat Workshop, where you'll design and create your own custom doormat.

Autism Hangout Night
Monday, April 14 at 6pm

April is Autism Awareness Month. Adults 18 and over with autism, and their loved ones, are invited to join us for a special story time and discussion. You'll also have a chance to meet some new friends and to celebrate everything that makes you unique!

Southwest Michigan Writers' Conference
Saturday, April 26 from 10am-5pm

Now in its 7th year, the *Southwest Michigan Writers' Conference* offers instruction and networking opportunities for writers of all experience levels. LTPL will be hosting this event for the first time. **Be sure to follow the Southwest Michigan Writers' Conference on Facebook for more details.**

The Southwest Michigan Writers' Conference is a collaborative effort of Lincoln Township Public Library, Niles District Library, Dowagiac District Library, Eau Claire District Library, & Three Oaks Township Public Library.

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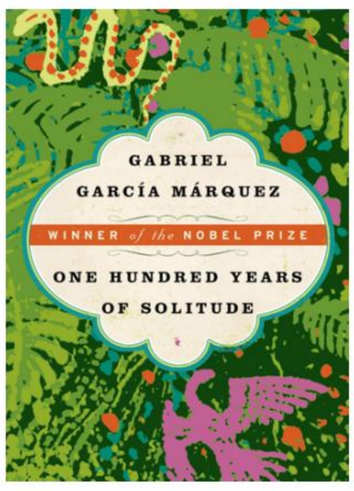
WRITERS' CONFERENCE

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Coffee & Classics Book Group
1st Friday at 10am

Cozy up with us by the fireplace where we dive into timeless literary masterpieces while savoring freshly brewed coffee.



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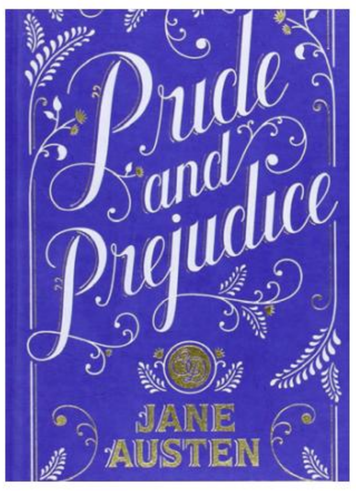

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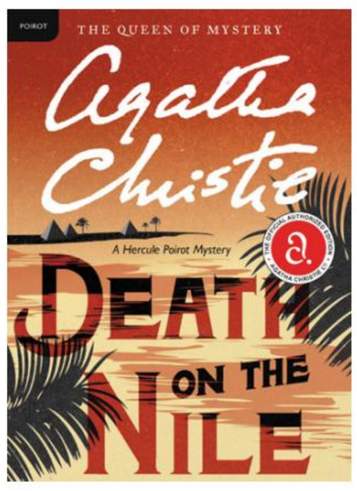

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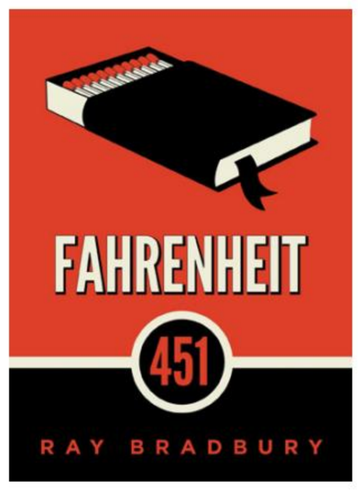

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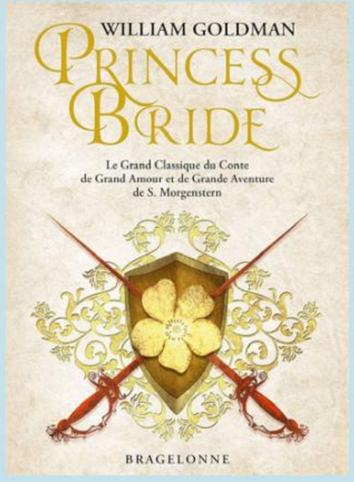
Parent-Child Book Group
2nd Tuesday at 4pm

Young readers and their guardians' bond over exciting stories, lively discussions, and fun activities inspired by the books we read. **Recommended for children ages 9-13.**



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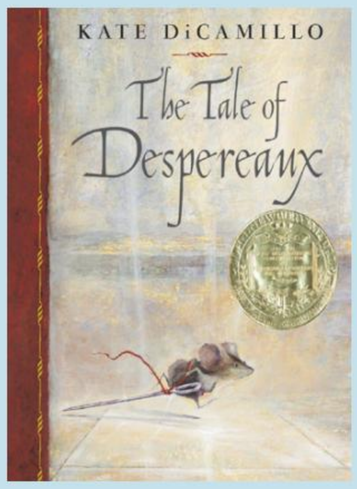

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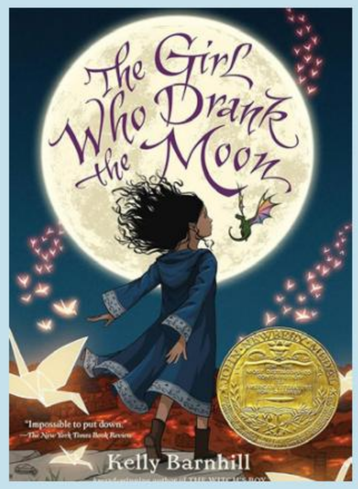

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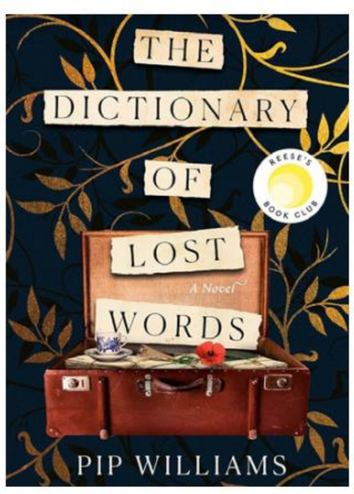
Tuesday Morning Book Group
3rd Tuesday at 10am

Join us for the Tuesday Morning Book Group. Books are available at the main desk a month before the discussion.



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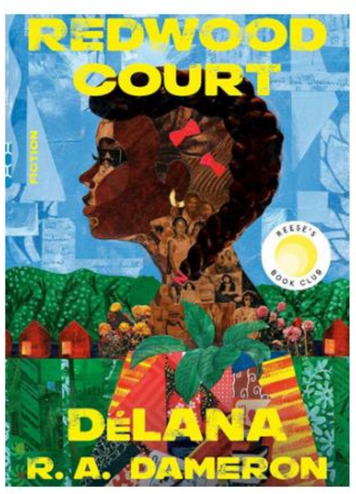

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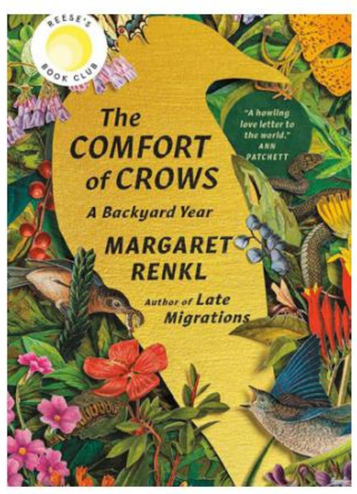

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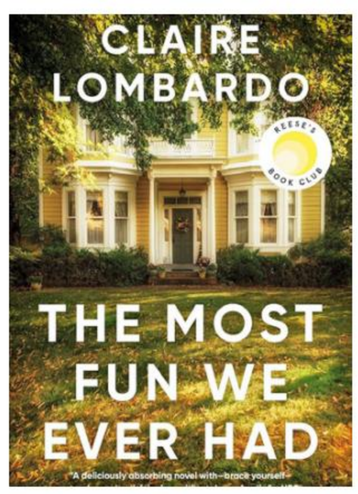

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Dish It Up Book Group
4th Tuesday at 6pm

Grab a copy of this month's cookbook at the Circulation desk a month before the discussion. **Make one of the recipes and bring it to share that night.**

AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN
THE COMPLETE
autumn&winter
COOKBOOK
550+ RECIPES for WARMING DINNERS, HOLIDAY ROASTS, SEASONAL DESSERTS, BREADS, FOOD GIFTS, and MORE

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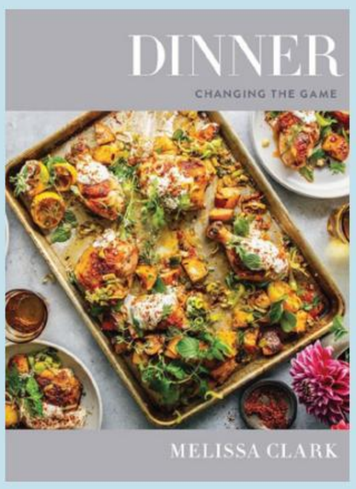

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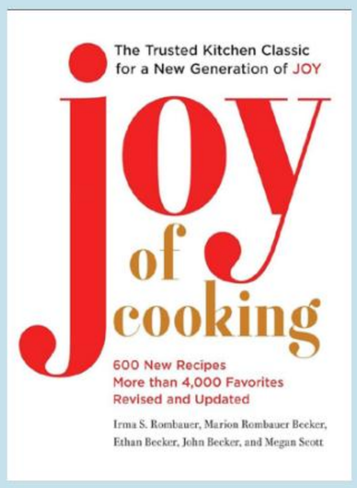
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600 New Recipes
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Revised and Updated
Irma S. Rombauer, Marion Rombauer Becker, Ethan Becker, John Becker, and Megan Scott

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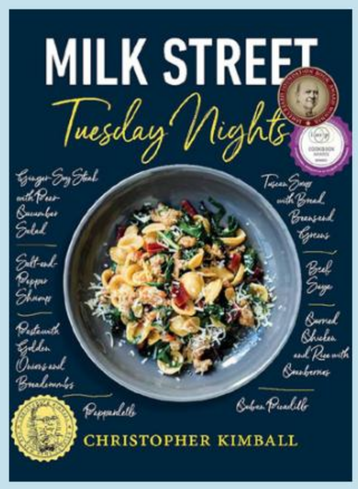

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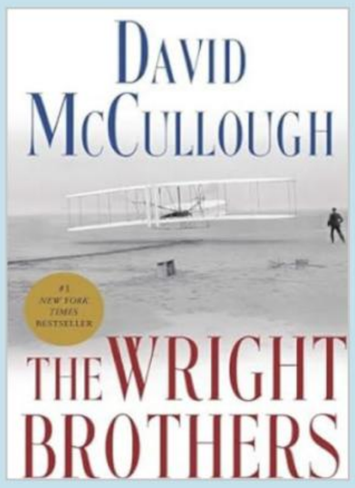
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Ageless Adventures: VR Book Group
4th Wednesday at 10am

Take your reading experience to another level. Books are available one month in advance. Along with discussions, participants will have a chance to experience aspects of the book through our new virtual reality goggles. LTPL will also be bringing this event to the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Service Center with classic titles. Call them at (269) 429-7768 for more information.



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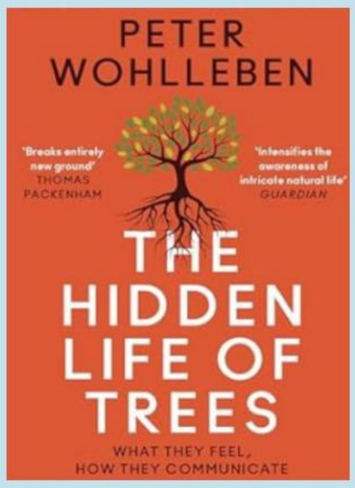

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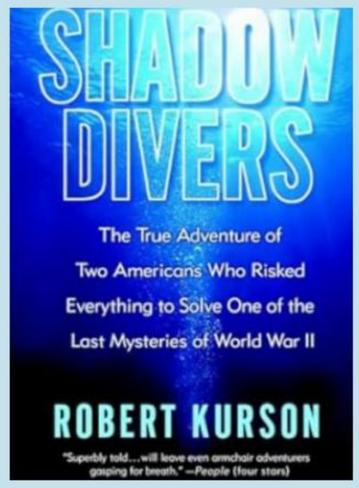
SHADOW DIVERS
The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II
ROBERT KURSON

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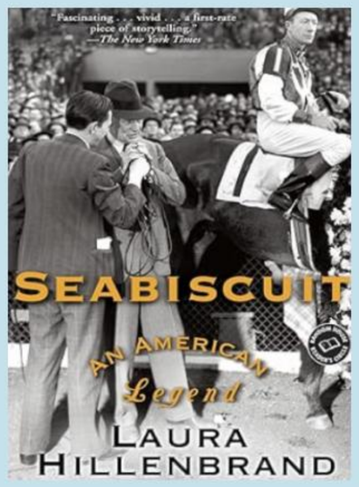

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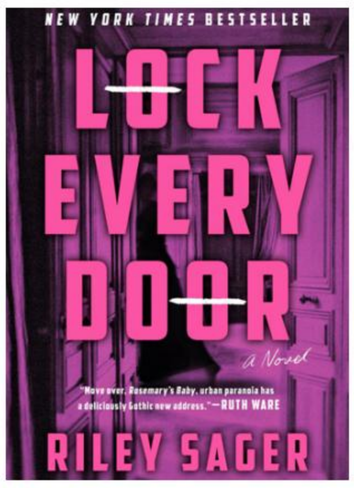
Thriller Book Group
4th Thursday at 6pm

Join our book discussion that has intrigue, deception, and suspense! Books can be picked up at the main desk the month before the discussion.



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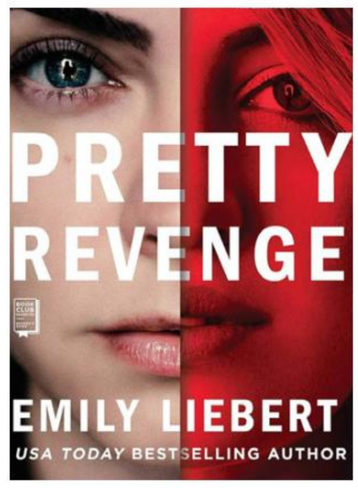

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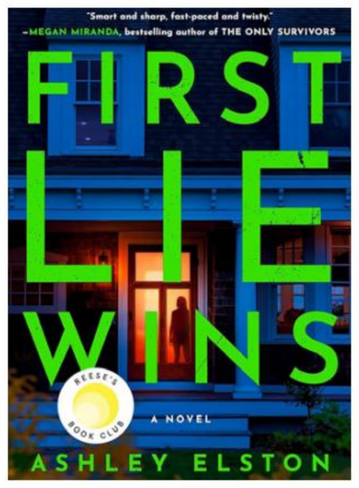

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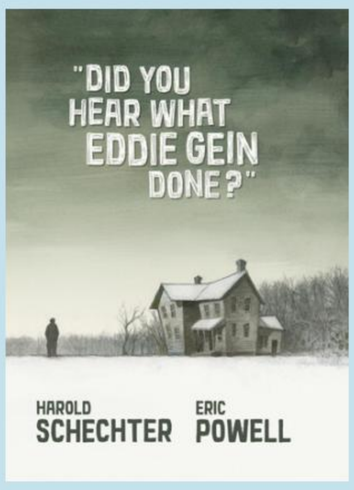
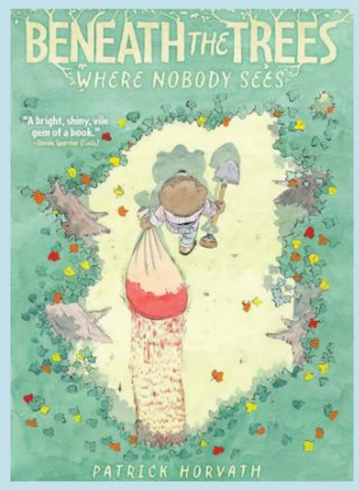
Graphic Novel & Manga Book Group
Last Thursday of the Month from 6:30-7:30pm

Join our new discussion group exploring comics, graphic novels and manga! Each month, we dive into a unique title across genres, sharing insights on storytelling, art, and themes. Whether you're a fan or just curious, sign up, grab your copy, and connect with fellow enthusiasts!





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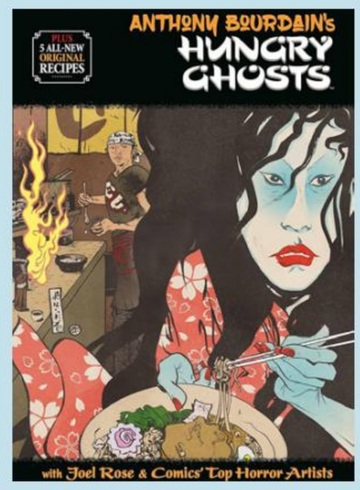

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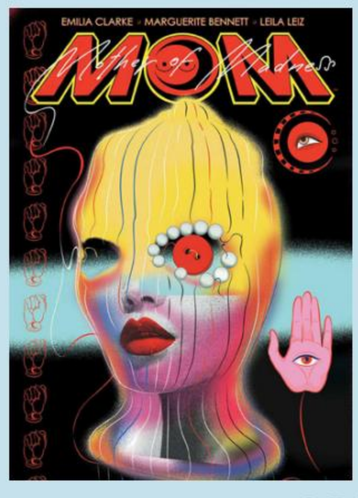

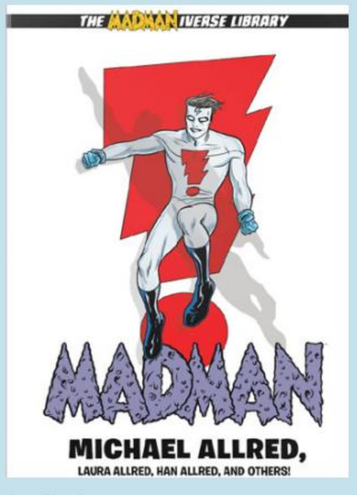

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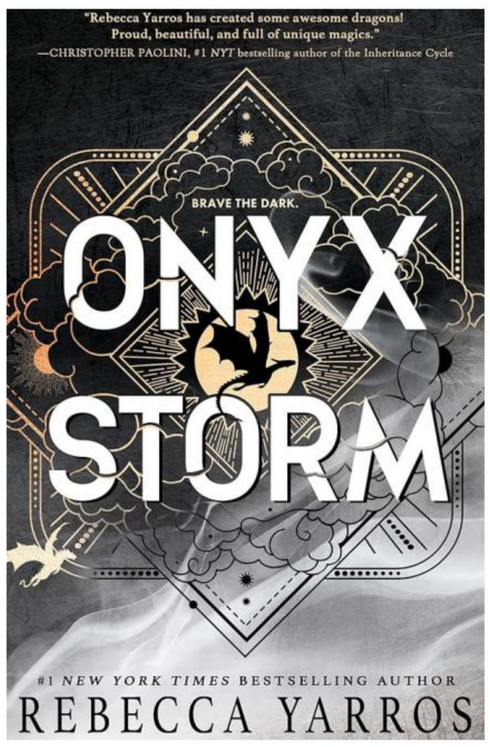
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book Release Party
Tuesday from 6-7pm

Join us for a book release party. Enjoy an evening of refreshments and engaging activities as we explore these captivating series.


"Rebecca Yarros has created some awesome dragons! Proud, beautiful, and full of unique magics."
—CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI, #1 NYT bestselling author of the Inheritance Cycle
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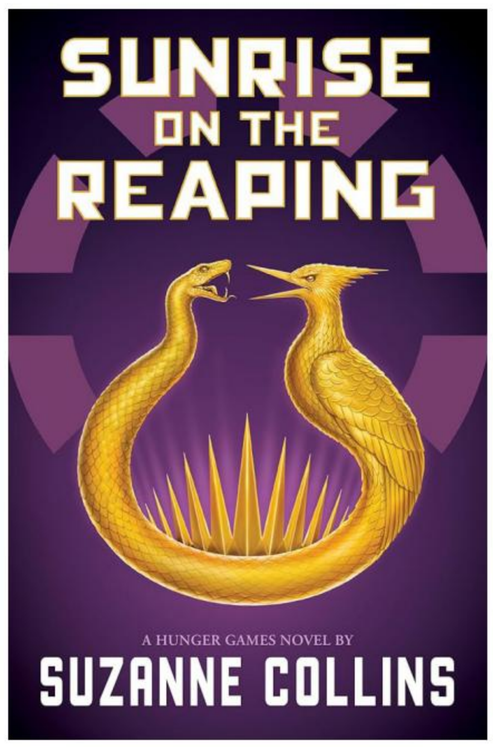

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COMPUTER AND TECH

Tech Questions
Every Wednesday from 2-4pm

Stop by the library and get help with questions about your computer, mobile device, or library resources on a first come, first serve basis. Please note that the library cannot diagnose or repair equipment.

Podcasting 101
Monday, January 13 at 6:30pm

Interested in starting a podcast but need a little guidance? Join this presentation to learn how to use the equipment and software available in our Digital Lab, along with tips to help make your podcast a success.

Digital Drawing 101
Wednesday, January 29 at 6pm

Learn the basics of digital drawing from different programs, tech, and useful "art hacks" using LTPL's Digital Lab.

How to Digitize Your Family History
Mondays: Feb 17 & Mar 17 at 6pm

Do you have photo albums, video tapes, audio cassettes or other family media collections piling up in your house? Learn about the tools that we have in our digital lab and how to use them to digitize your important mementos.

Video Editing
Friday, April 25 at 3:30pm

Create and edit videos with ease at LTPL's Digital Lab! Learn to cut, merge, and add effects to bring your stories to life with our professional tools and guidance.

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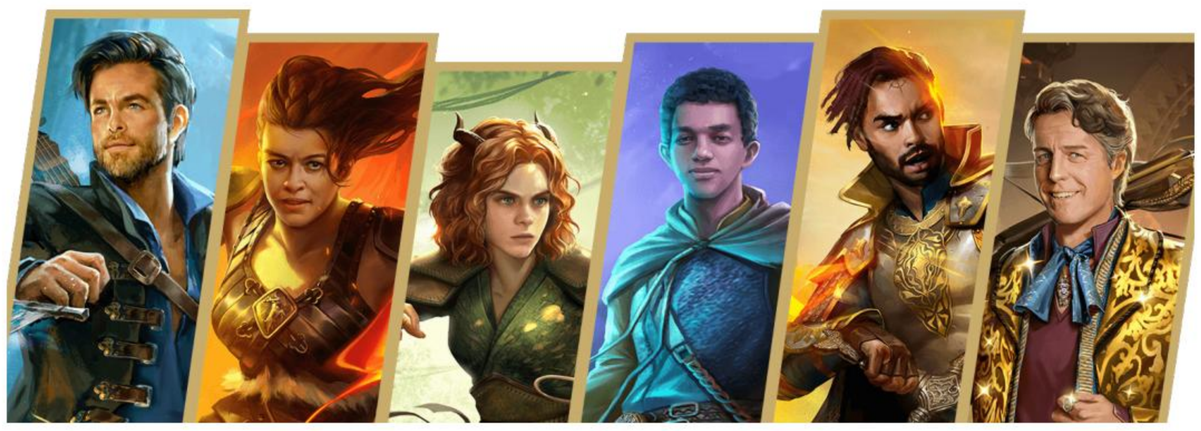
Teen Loot Boxes

Sign up each month to receive a loot box with a variety of activities and goodies. **Boxes must be picked up during the first week of the month.**

January: *Self Care*
February: *Yarn*
March: *Origami*
April: *Earth Day*

Teen D&D Club
1st Saturday of the Month at 2pm

Roll for initiative! Join us each month to play *D&D*. Create your own characters and play in an ongoing campaign.



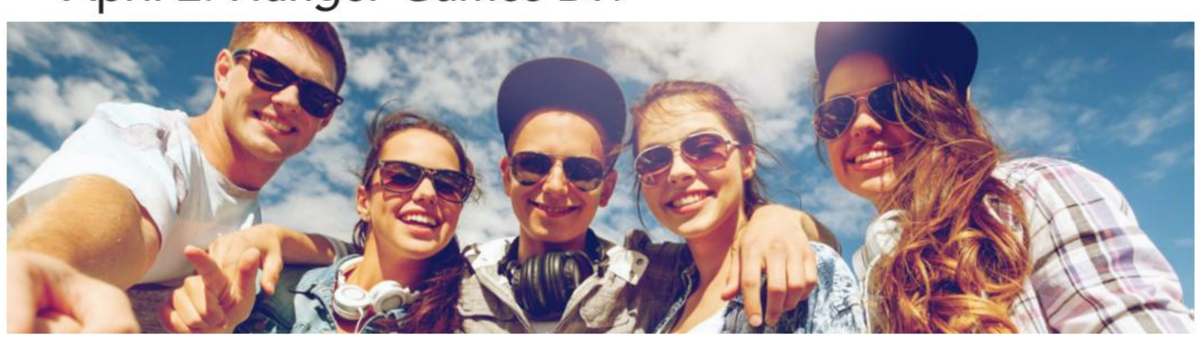
VolunTeens
3rd Friday of the Month at 3:30pm

Get involved by volunteering at the library. Teens are welcome to stop in for our monthly meetings to sign up for the following month's volunteer opportunities. **Feb 7 is an alternate date due to the library being closed.**

Teen Hangout
1st Wednesday of the Month at 3:30pm starting Feb 5

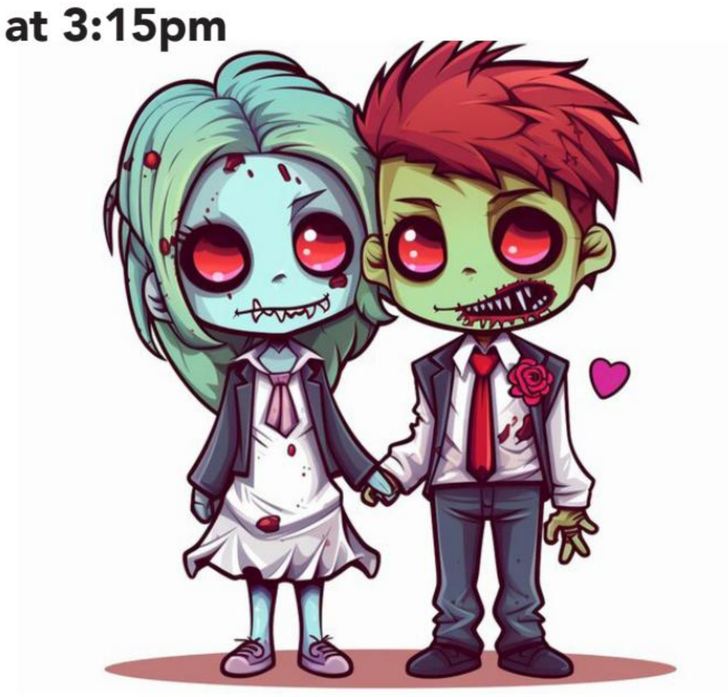
Unwind from a long day at school and hang out at the library. Participate in a different activity each month.

February 5: *Gaming Day*
March 5: *Whale Planter Painting*
April 2: *Hunger Games DIY*



Zombie Prom
Friday, February 14 at 3:15pm

We are having an Anti-Valentine's party! Dress in your best (or worst) zombie-like attire and join us for music, games, and refreshments. We will also crown a Zombie Prom King & Queen.



Fandom Fest of Southwest Michigan
Saturday, April 5 from 10am-6pm

We are celebrating all things fandom with our 7th annual library pop-con. Stop by the *Mendel Center in Benton Harbor*. We will have a cosplay contest, gaming, local vendors, food trucks, and all-around fun!

FANDOM FEST
OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Teen Escape Competition
Wednesday, April 30 at 6pm

Compete with other teens in a timed competition to see who can complete the Tabletop Escape Room the fastest. **Please show up 10 minutes before the event to be eligible to participate.**

YOUTH

Check for more great activities in the All-Ages section! And find fun activities each week in the children's area.

Craft Buffet & Movie
Friday, January 3 and Friday, April 4 from 12-2pm

It's break time! Bring the kids down for crafts, snacks, and a fun movie. **While supplies last.**

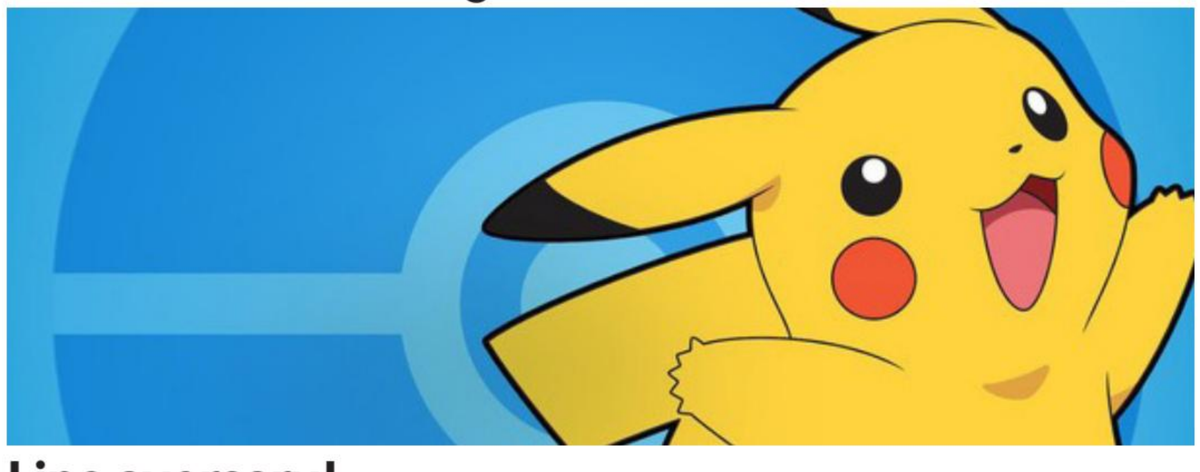
Jan 3: *Paw Patrol Mighty Movie*
Apr 4: *Wild Robot*

I Spy Scavenger Hunt
Every Other Friday starting Jan 3

Drop in and do a scavenger hunt. New scavenger hunt biweekly, moved around weekly. **All ages.**

Pokémon Card Battle
1st Tuesday of the Month at 4pm

LTPL wants to battle! Stop by once a month to learn how to play the popular *Pokémon* Trading Card Game in a casual environment. **Ages 6-12.**



Linc-aversary!
Monday, February 3 at 5pm

Come celebrate with us. Our mascot is turning one! We will have a scavenger hunt, crafts and treats for all. Linc has requested no presents but has suggested a donation to the library would be most appreciated! **All ages.**

Unlock the Legacy: Black History Challenge
Thursday, February 13 at 6pm

Dive into key moments and influential figures in Black history as you work with your team to crack codes, solve puzzles, and unlock clues. **Ages 9-14.**

Thinking Money 4 Kids
3rd Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm

Start your child's journey of helping them master the skills they need to make smart financial choices with these fun, interactive programs that will teach them the fundamentals from saving money to running a business. This program is made possible through the *Thinking Money 4 Kids* grant awarded by *ALA* and the *FINRA Foundation*.

Jan 15: *Currency Conga (Ages 3-12)*
Feb 19: *Pet Cents (Ages 8-11)*
Mar 19: *Making Mooo-lah (Ages 5-12)*
Apr 16: *Penny Pincher's Party (Ages 5-12)*

Homeschool Hangout
Every Wednesday from 10am-12pm

Homeschool families can meet and learn together! We've got a great line-up of presenters including *Love Creek*, a Folk Dancing class, *Sarett Nature Center*, the *YMCA* and many more! **Check our calendar for specifics on each meeting.**

No Cook - Cooking Club ●
2nd Saturday of the Month from 12-1pm

Summer is on the way! This is your chance to have your kid come in and learn how to make their own snacks. No cooking needed! **Please check for any dietary restrictions/ allergy concerns before signing up. Ages: 6-10.**

Jan 11: *Mix and match Lunchables*
Feb 8: *No bake monster energy bites*
Mar 8: *Dips!*
Apr 12: *Rainbow Banilla Bites*

Valentine Memory Box
Friday, February 14 at 1:30pm

Bring your kiddo to hear a Valentine's Day story and then make a memory box to hold all their holiday cards. **While supplies last.**

Stuffie Animal Clinic
Thursday, March 6 at 6:30pm

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and join us for an evening of imaginative fun at our Stuffie Animal Clinic! Play veterinarian with your cuddly friend as you test their eyesight, administer a shot, listen to their heart and so much more! We can't wait to meet all the furry patients!

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Book Tasting Cafe
Tuesday, March 18 at 5pm

Not sure what to read or maybe you just want to try something new? Come to our book tasting cafe! This fun event will give children an opportunity to sample new books, genres or authors that they might not consider otherwise. Stop in and taste something new! Snacks will be provided as well. **Best suited to independent readers up to 5th grade but all are welcome!**

Book Bingo
Wednesday, April 2 at 2pm

Not sure what to read next? Come play book bingo and see if any books catch your eye. If you win you get to pick out a book for your next read!

Library Explorers: Skills and Adventures
Tuesday, April 8 at 5pm

New to the library? Want to learn more about what we have to offer? Come join us and learn about how our library works and everything we have to offer. **Ages 6-9**.

Water Festival!
Saturday, April 19 from 1-3pm

Bring your family to celebrate Earth's water! There will be several hands-on, fun activities and investigations about water. We'll discover where water hangs out, how it moves and some ideas to take care of this important resource! **Appropriate for families of preschool through middle school aged children.**

Toddler Tales
Tuesdays, January 6 through April 22 at 10:30am

Enjoy stories, rhymes, music, movement, early literacy fun and craft! **Ages 18mos.- 3 years.**

Baby Bouncers
Fridays, January 10 through April 25 at 10:30am

Participate with your baby at a lap sit Story Time with songs, rhymes, stories and a playtime! **Ages 0-18mos.**

Pajama Jam
3rd Thursday of the Month at 6:30pm

Hear silly stories and make a craft - all while in your PJs!

Intergenerational Storytime at Pine Ridge
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 2pm

Join us for this wonderful monthly program in collaboration with *Krasl Art Center*! Bring you and your family to *Pine Ridge* for stories, songs, games, crafts, and new friendships with the residents. A great opportunity for families.

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Board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Meetings are open to the public.

HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 9am-9pm
Fri: 9am-5pm
Sat: 10am-5pm
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Wednesday, Jan 1 – New Years Day
Monday, Jan 20 – MLK Day
Friday, Feb 21 - Staff In-Service Day

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Our membership year begins in April, so it's the perfect time to join or renew. Friends of the Library members help fund exciting additions, like the new children's train table in our children's area that fosters creativity and fun for young visitors.

Stay tuned for upcoming bag sale dates and other Friends events! Members enjoy exclusive perks, so join today and make an impact on our library community.

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This fund is maintained by the Berrien Community Foundation where it maintains perpetuity, drawing solely on interest subject to the foundation's guidelines.

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See the library website to learn more about the various ways to support